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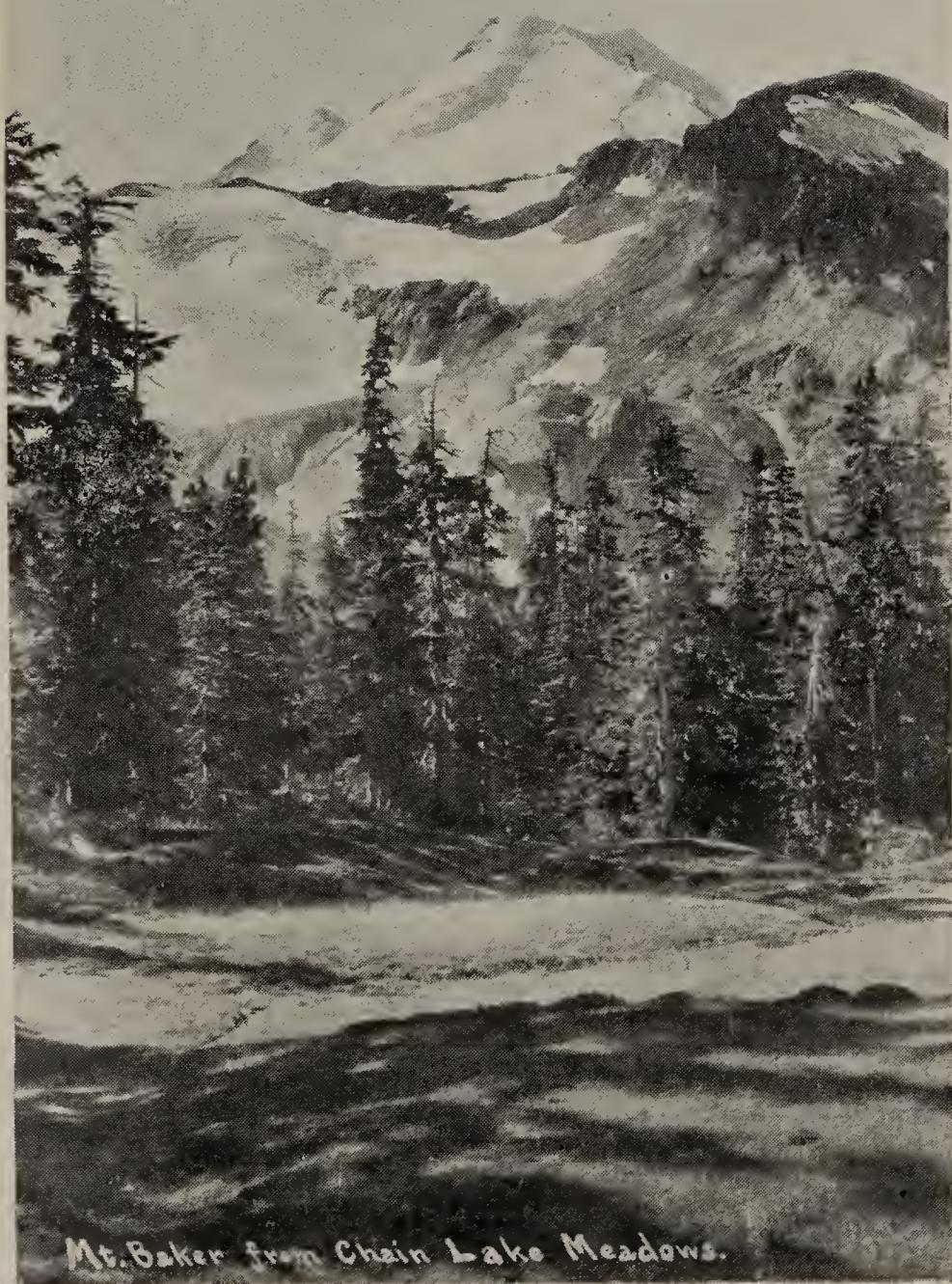


# BELLINGHAM WASHINGTON

CENTER OF TOURING ATTRACTIONS

Unexcelled Highways

Gateway to Islands, Mountains and  
British Columbia



Mt. Baker from Chain Lake Meadows.



**Bellingham** is known as the "City of Beautiful Sunsets and Tulips," and is the gateway to Mount Baker.

**Whatcom County** was first settled in 1852, at the present site of Bellingham, and was organized as a county in 1854. Bellingham was formed by the consolidation of Whatcom and Fairhaven, December 28th, 1903, and is the county seat of Whatcom County.

**The Population**, according to the Federal Census of 1920, shows 30,220 within the corporate limits of this city, and a conservative estimate for 1923 would be 33,000.

**Bellingham** is located on a beautiful, sheltered bay in the northwest corner of the United States, and enjoys what government statisticians find to be the most healthful climate in the entire country.

**Our Harbor** affords excellent shipping facilities and freight is shipped direct between Bellingham and the principal ports of both Atlantic and Pacific coasts, as well as foreign countries.

**The City Tax Rate** in Bellingham is the lowest in the state and compares favorably with that elsewhere in the country. The assessed valuation of Bellingham is \$12,851,236.00.

**There are 55 miles** of hard-surfaced streets within the city limits, and Whatcom County contains 133 miles of paved roads, connecting every town within its boundaries with the county seat.

**Mount Baker** is the outstanding scenic point of interest, and a highway is now under construction making it accessible to automobile travel. Its peak is at an elevation of 10,750 feet above sea level and is forty miles in a straight line from the city of Bellingham.

**Mt. Shuksan**, though not so accessible, is perhaps a more interesting and picturesque sight. Rising to a height of 9,038 feet, its rugged peaks are reflected in the many lakes at its base.



**The Highway** along the waterfront, known as Chuckanut Drive, opened to travel in 1922, has become known as one of the most remarkable trips available to a motorist anywhere. The views of the waters of Bellingham Bay and the numerous islands of the San Juan archipelago are a never-ending source of pleasure to the traveler.

**The Principal Industries** are lumbering, fisheries, fruit raising, canning and preserving, manufacture of cement, and agriculture with special emphasis on dairying and the production of eggs and poultry.

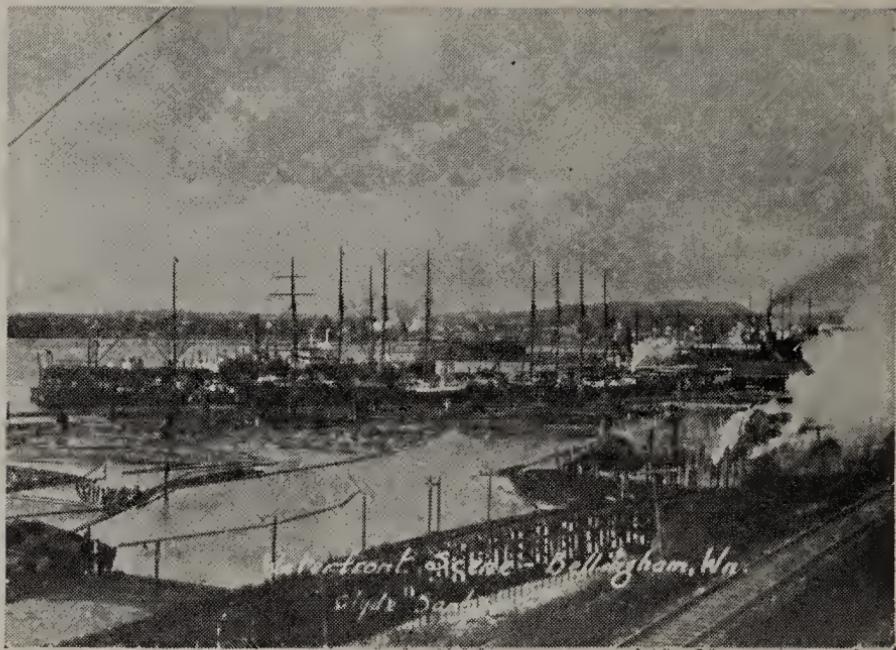
**There Are Eleven** lumber mills operating in this city, shipping their products to the ports of the world. The approximate cut per year exceeds 250,000,000 board feet, and the lumber payroll runs over \$3,000,000.00 per annum.

**There Are Three** fish cannery establishments, and the output of canned salmon is the chief product. The Pacific American Fisheries has the largest salmon cannery in the world, and operates seven canneries in Alaska, having headquarters in Bellingham.

**The Olympic** Portland Cement Company operates continuously, and has a storage capacity of 114,000,000 pounds, or 57,000 tons of finished product.

**The Raising of Fruits and Berries** has developed to a wonderful degree as the timbered land has gradually become logged-off and cleared. The soil is peculiarly adapted to the growth of these crops, and the plant of W. H. Pride & Co. has grown, starting with a cook-stove in 1913, to a concern which is using 10,000 sacks of sugar in handling its output for 1923. A recent addition costing \$15,000 has been constructed at this plant.

**The Dairy Industry** has developed to a remarkable degree within the last few years; creameries are operated on a co-operative basis and upwards of 400,000 pounds of milk are handled daily in the several plants. The Whatcom County Dairymen's



Association has a plant in Bellingham and one in Lynden. The Carnation Milk Products Company maintains two condenseries, one in Everson and one in Ferndale; and the Royal Dairy Products Company manufactures powdered and malted milk in addition to its regular output of the usual dairy products. The assessor's report for 1923 shows 13,167 cows in Whatcom County, a majority of them being blooded stock representing a total value of \$527,805.00, or an assessed value of \$40.08 per cow.

**The Production of Eggs and Poultry** has reached proportions of national importance and these articles are also handled on a co-operative basis by the egg and poultry association formed for that purpose. More than 160 carloads of eggs, valued to exceed \$731,000.00, were shipped outside of the state during 1922; 90 per cent going to New York City, where they sell above the regular market price.

**Over 100 Carloads of Butter** have been shipped annually for the past three years.

**The Bellingham Coal Mines** are producing within the city limits 650 tons of coal per day in single shift. A model mine is operated and the supply of coal at hand is practically inexhaustible. This mine is in continuous operation and offers employment to more than 100 men throughout the year. When demand for this production justifies, the output can be doubled by working two shifts.

**Numerous Parks** are located throughout the city; three being maintained for the especial benefit of automobile tourists, with the facilities which add to convenience and pleasure of visitors. These parks are maintained by the city park board, and fuel, lights, heating stoves, shelters, hot and cold running water, shower baths, etc., including police protection, are provided.

**One of the Most Unusual** and striking features within the city is a park which is reached by a moderate grade to the top of Sehome Hill, at an



elevation overlooking the business and residential section of the city, as well as the waterfront and bay. This view is most pleasing and remarkable as it includes Mount Baker, standing out prominently to the eastward, and is in our very midst, being within a five minute drive from the center of the city to the top of the hill.

**Chuckanut State Park**, located on Chuckanut Drive, south of the city on the Pacific Highway, is a popular picnic ground for motorists, and is accessible for passengers on the interurban. This park has the distinction of being the only state park on the Pacific Highway, bordering on salt water, between Mexico and Canada.

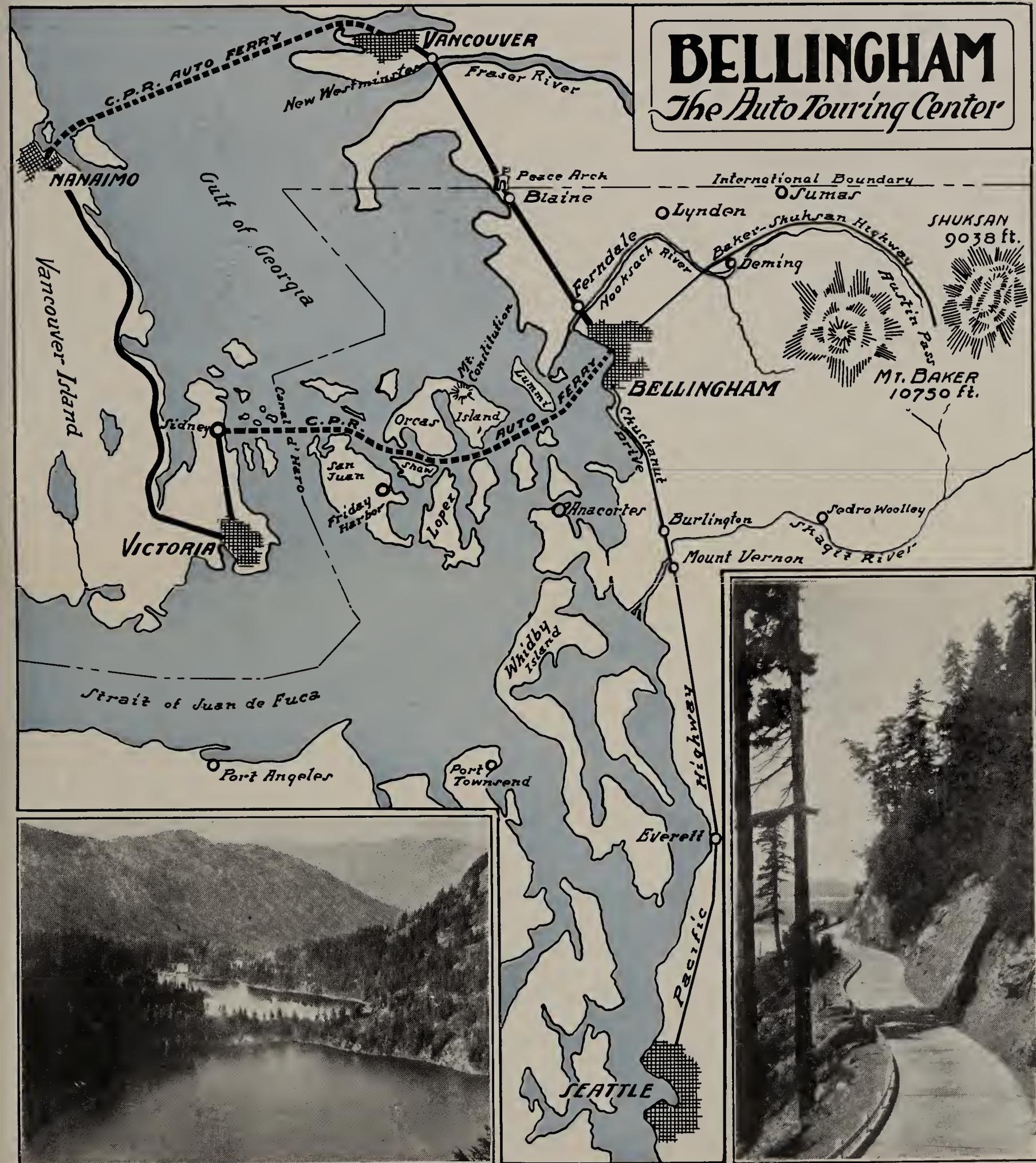
**Pleasure Resorts** are readily accessible on the salt water, both at Squalicum Beach and at Fort Bellingham, also at Birch Bay and Cottonwood Beach, further to the north. A well-equipped bath-house with excellent beach and fine water for bathing and swimming, elaborate equipment for water-sports, and playground facilities on the beach, as well as a dancing pavilion are available at Squalicum Beach, which is the nearest of the above mentioned resorts to the center of the city.

**Lake Whatcom** is a beautiful expanse of water 12 miles in length, and is reached by paved road, which extends around the lower end from Geneva to Silver Beach. A good automobile road extends from Silver Beach to Sunnyside, on the upper end of the Lake. This is a delightful drive and opportunity for picnic camping parties along the shore occurs at frequent intervals throughout the length of this drive. Numerous other delightful points of interest and tours which are appropriate for the motorist who has time available for side trips, can be arranged, and the assistance of the Bellingham Tourist Bureau is available at the Chamber of Commerce and at the Automobile Tourist Camp Grounds, for those desiring suggestions of this sort.



# BELLINGHAM

*The Auto Touring Center*



**In Addition**, we have an athletic park, known as the Community Field, which occupies one and one-half city blocks, surrounded by a substantial fence and equipped with first-class grandstand and all conveniences for athletic teams and the handling of large numbers of spectators. The playing field is carefully levelled and the baseball diamond is unsurpassed by any in this section of the Northwest.

**Bellingham** is well supplied with schools, there being eleven modern grade buildings for the lower branches, and two high school buildings. The State Normal school of Washington is located here, having an average annual enrollment of over 2,000. Besides the above there are two business colleges, two large parochial schools and a private school of music and art.

**Four National Banks** in this city have an aggregate exceeding \$10,000,000 in deposits and the monthly check transactions average \$8,000,000.

**Four First-Class Hotels** give the traveling public all to be wished for in the way of convenience and accommodations for comfort, two having been opened recently giving special attention to the needs of tourists.

**The Transportation Service** is first-class. Three transcontinental lines reach the city. First-class interurban service connects Bellingham with all of the most important towns in Skagit county, to the south, and thence to Seattle. Numerous boat lines make their headquarters at Bellingham, connecting this city with Seattle, other Puget Sound points, and Vancouver Island, B. C., the Canadian Pacific Railway company having recently established automobile ferry service between Bellingham and Sidney, on Vancouver Island, 18 miles north of the city of Victoria. Auto stages make 77 trips daily to all parts of the country, and 12 regular truck lines handle merchandise to all of the principal towns in the Northwestern district. An up-to-date and commodious auto stage and interurban depot has been erected within the past year to take care of the increasing travel.

**A Large Wholesale Business** is conducted here, consisting of four wholesale grocers, two wholesale hardware stores, one wholesale drug store, and two concerns handling fruit and vegetables. The territory served by the above concerns has a population, according to the last census, of 140,000.

**With Unlimited Quantities** of coal, lumber, cement and building materials, including the output of the sash and door factories and hardware of every description, excellent opportunity is afforded for the construction of a home and ideal living conditions for those desiring to settle in a growing, thriving city, where the future holds the very best outlook for prosperity.

**The Chamber of Commerce** is always glad to investigate matters which may be the subject of inquiry and special information on any subject is gladly furnished.